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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claim in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (New) A hose, comprising:

a hose body having an inner layer composed of a bellow metallic tube and a jacket of at least one outer layer, with the hose body having a longitudinal edge at one end thereof;

an insert pipe extending longitudinally into the hose body and a metallic sleeve compressing the jacket against the insert pipe at each of a plurality of pressure points disposed axially along the longitudinal edge of the hose body from said one end with said bellow metallic tube having a restricted end portion at one end thereof located forward of the last pressure point,

wherein the bellows metallic tube has a straight tube portion integral to the bellows metallic tube representing the restricted end portion of the bellows metallic tube.

Claim 14 (New) A hose, comprising:

a hose body having an inner layer composed of a bellow metallic tube and a jacket of at least one outer layer, with the hose body having a longitudinal edge at one end thereof;

an insert pipe extending longitudinally into the hose body and a metallic sleeve compressing the jacket against the insert pipe at each of a plurality of pressure points disposed axially along the longitudinal edge of the hose body from said one end with said bellow metallic tube having a restricted end portion at one end thereof located forward of the last pressure point,

wherein said restricted end portion of said bellow metallic tube lies at a location between the pressure point closest to the longitudinal edge end of the hose body and the last pressure point,

wherein the bellows metallic tube has a straight tube portion integral to the bellows metallic tube representing the restricted end portion of the bellows metallic tube with the straight tube portion extending a distance from the longitudinal edge at said one end of the hose body to a point forward of the last pressure point.

Claim 15 (New) The hose as set forth in claim 13,

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wherein said rigid insert pipe has a first section extending longitudinally into the hose body upon which the straight tube portion is mounted.

Claim 16 (New) The hose as set forth in claim 14,
wherein said rigid insert pipe has a first section extending longitudinally into the hose body upon which the straight tube portion is mounted.

Claim 17 (New) The hose as set forth in claim 15,
wherein said rigid insert pipe has a second section extending further into the hose body and into the bellows metallic tube upon which at least a portion of said bellows metallic tube is mounted.

Claim 18 (New) The hose as set forth in claim 16,
wherein said rigid insert pipe has a second section extending further into the hose body and into the bellows metallic tube upon which at least a portion of said bellows metallic tube is mounted.

Claim 19 (New) The hose as set forth in claim 17,
wherein the diameter of said first section is larger than the diameter of said second section.

Claim 20 (New) The hose as set forth in claim 18,
wherein the diameter of said first section is larger than the diameter of said second section.

Claim 21 (New) The hose as set forth in claim 17,
wherein said second section has a series of projections radially extending from the outer circumference of the insert pipe for meshing with the corrugations of said bellows metallic tube.

Claim 22 (New) The hose as set forth in claim 18,

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wherein said second section has a series of projections radially extending from the outer circumference of the insert pipe for meshing with the corrugations of said bellows metallic tube.